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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A bicycle carrier for mounting to a vehicle comprising:

a supporting member ~~which is mountable directly or indirectly~~ to said vehicle;[[.]]

an upper bar;

~~said supporting member having thereon~~ a cradle to receive a bicycle fork crown,
said cradle being oriented on said upper bar ~~supporting member whereby such that~~ when said
supporting member is mounted on said vehicle said cradle [[will]] can support a bicycle from
said bicycle fork crown, [[with]] said bicycle ~~being~~ suspended ~~below said bicycle fork crown~~
generally vertically.
2. (currently amended) The bicycle carrier of claim 1, wherein said supporting member is a generally vertical structure, and said upper bar is [[with]] a horizontal upper structure on which said cradle is mounted.
3. (original) The bicycle carrier of claim 2, wherein said supporting member has a means of attaching to a vehicle hitch.
4. (currently amended) The bicycle carrier of claim 2, further comprising a second bar ~~wherein said supporting member has a lower structure~~ with means for securing a bicycle rear wheel.
5. (currently amended) The bicycle carrier of claim 2, wherein there is a plurality of cradles mounted on said upper bar ~~structure~~ for carrying a plurality of bicycles.
6. (original) The bicycle carrier of claim 5, wherein said plurality of cradles are mounted at an angle such that ~~said~~ cradle supports said bicycle fork crown and the bicycle handlebars at an angle other than perpendicular to said bicycle.

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7. (original) The bicycle carrier of claim 2, wherein said cradle includes at least one tie down means for securing said fork crown or a bicycle fork.
8. (currently amended) A vehicle mounted bicycle carrier comprising:
- a horizontal bar support member mountable to said vehicle, said horizontal bar support member ~~thereon~~ having a cradle, ~~said cradle to supports~~ a bicycle fork crown of a bicycle such that said ~~[[, a]]~~ bicycle is hung generally vertically below from said fork crown ~~and said cradle.~~
9. (currently amended) The bicycle carrier of claim 8, wherein said horizontal bar support member is mounted to a generally vertical support member and a vehicle hitch.
10. (currently amended) The bicycle carrier of claim 8, further comprising wherein ~~there is~~ means for securing said bicycle or said bicycle fork crown, to said horizontal support member or said cradle.
11. (currently amended) The bicycle carrier of claim 8, further comprising wherein ~~there is~~ means for securing a rear bicycle wheel to said vehicle mounted bicycle carrier.
12. (original) The bicycle carrier of claim 8, wherein said horizontal support member is mounted generally parallel or generally perpendicular to the rear of said vehicle.
13. (original) The bicycle carrier of claim 8, wherein a plurality of cradles for carrying a plurality of bicycles, are mounted to said horizontal support member.
14. (original) The bicycle carrier of claim 13, wherein said cradles support said plurality of bicycles with said bicycle fork crown and handlebars at an angle other than parallel to said horizontal support member.
15. (new) The bicycle carrier of claim 1 wherein said cradle comprises two pairs of tines, such that said bicycle fork crown is positionable between each of said pairs.
16. (new) The bicycle carrier of claim 1 further comprising a stabilizer bar, said stabilizer bar positioned to stabilize a rear tire of said bicycle.

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17. (new) The bicycle carrier of claim 3 wherein said stabilizer bar further comprises a hook to hold said rear tire in place.